

Proton. April 10. 1838.

Tuesday evening.

Remember I
shall wait and
be ready to see
you any
quarter.

At length, my dear Debora, your package has arrived. A little after 5. I descended the stage & as I had received no letters by mail, I was looking for Cory, as one that waits for the morning. Before I say aught of myself, I will proceed to comment on your letter. First, I was very sorry to hear of your illness; I suppose you tramped in such a manner on that day as to take a shocking cold - I dare say that every soul of you are at Weymouth to day save myself. I am bound with you, or to speak more plainly, I am winding with you in spirit. I shall take up your letter paragraph for paragraph. What a set the Bales are. To go & invite Mrs Child & omit as Mrs Child whom they can hardly speak peaceably to. Why they are taking all this pains to smooth over and conciliate I hardly know. How came the Quinicks to come after what they told me? Whenever I ask a question, I shall expect to have it answered in your next. As to Ann Terry, I dare say the report is true and if it is I decare the poor thing is greatly to be pitied, but it is a little singular that such matters should be common gossip. I rejoice with trembling over Bro Fairchild, & fear for him, but it must be remembered in his favour that he did behave well at the formation of the Free Church & his behaviour does contrast advantageously with that of the Boston ministers generally. I moralised to myself about Mr Dwyer as doubtless you will do; I had seen his death in the papers. I rejoice over Sarah's services in the good cause, & do feel bitter hard to lose Angelina. I have seen Mr Hall & I learned from him that the house was thronged & that you were there looking pleased. Seeing Wane's named makes me ask, has any arrangement yet been made for him? If there has been none, I think it is time for you to bestir yourselves. - I am sorry not to be at the meeting tomorrow. I have some letters, but they are entirely unimportant;

letters from Wrentham &c. I hope somebody will see to the
matter of the Resolutions, but it is no great matter. Write
me, at once & tell me very minutely about the meeting, or
if you are not there Maria or Caroline must. for I am very
curious to know how the meeting goes, I mean the business
part. As the Grimkies address us perhaps the business meeting
will be put off till the next day. I am extremely glad that
Mr Adams has "come forth" for I believe him to be a
"wrapper" of the first kind. I heard of his doings from Mr Hall.
If they will only come out we shall do very well. If
there are any Resolutions brought forward by our Society, let mine
come with regard to the Grimkies. But you will not get this till after
the meeting. Tell Lucia I was obliged for her note & that I have finished
her night gown, save button holes & I some doubt whether I shall do those.
Tell Maria that I thought her letter truly graphic. I must give her the
praise of "multum in parvo" in respect to her letters. What was the reason
of the Ball's lavishing kindness I can't see altogether. Tell M. to treat
M. Parker impartially. Treat her as well as the rest of them, for really
Mary had a bitterer dose than any of the rest of them. If any of them
had been called to run over their minister they would have done
fully as bad. Now I will commence my own experiences. I had a very
comfortable ride up here, though I was not very well. But Miss G.
warmed my bed & made me comfortable, giving me ginners of
pennyroyal, & the next morning I was myself again, went to church
in the morning & heard Mr Phelps preach a very thorough ten
sermon. I was glad to hear some body besides ourselves de-
vout. In the afternoon I rode out with the Dr as far as the Paw
mill, called on Mrs Rugg & was in me post the little red hdkf that I
Angel gave me. Friday morning I called upon Mrs Cutter at Pepper
ell. This is the only call I have made except one upon Dyantha.
Mr Robins on has at the request of some of his parishioners asked for
a dismission. He remembers Angelina G. with the utmost bitterness
could almost burn her. The Abolition cause here is in rather a
perilous state, all the thorough going Abolitionists having come
out Perfectivists. Mrs Rugg, Huntwell, & Mr Hall are boiling
over with it. Mr Phelps' church is in a disturbed state, its people
standing pronounced as the phrase goes, & it is feared that
of these some may be heretics. So of course, they conduct
the church examinations very wisely. It is thought that

the Perfectionists will either draw off or else may be excom-
municated. Hill, Boutelle, Cragin &c are terribly afraid of the
heresies and speak very scornfully of those of their brethren who
to use their own phrase "have entered into the heavenly rest."
The Dr practically adopts as his motto "Patience cousin, & shuffle
the cards." The Perfectionists know as the blacks of N.B. thought
they did about Van Buren, that he is with them in heart but
they can get no occasion to this effect. I learn from the Dr
that, Mr Hartwell subjected you to an inquisition touching your
experiences which gave the Dr apparently much amusement as he thought
it rather annoyed you. I saw Miss Dickson at church Sunday & spoke an
instant with her, but have not yet been to see her as I have not quite
got over my cold, & for the last day or two the weather has been very
unpleasant. I have been very comfortable since I have been here in
every respect & save one: the complaint I mentioned to you has troubled
me a good deal. It is that or some thing very like it, and it is very
trying & wearing. I am better however than I was. I sew & read
& study Italian & hear George's Latin & find my time pretty much
all taken up. I have begun a letter to Lucretia but have not yet
sent it as I wanted to take advice about it. Would you write &
tell her to state the fact to the Gov that an Abolition cousin of hers
was to be at Philadelphia who would visit her for one night, if
she thought it would be agreeable to the family or something of
that sort or would you not. Write me as to this, for I shall not
send my letter till I hear from you. One thing I must enforce upon
you. The night I came in from Roxbury I borrowed a nine pence of
Hill's young man. Will you go in & pay it, or else put it on to the
bill, or do something & tell the young man which ever it was that
I went out of town early the next morning & that Mrs Chapman
Pepper that night had no change in the house for I promised to be in &
pay him in a few minutes. One thing more. I find from Dr Farnsworth
that A.A. Phelps entertains the idea that it was against the
letter of our constitution to present a Report to the Soc that I had not
been previously sanctioned by the Board. In other words he thinks
that our Reports are managed just like those of the Massachusetts.
Do not however say any thing about this to Mr Phelps or any one
as Dr Farnsworth will explain it to him himself when he comes in
town. I want you to write to me by mail, a very full letter
answering all the questions that I have propounded and telling me
all manner of news. Write so that I may get the letter on Sat-
urday & have something to mull over. Give my love to everybody
all there. send love to I say. You may send this letter to Aunt
Mary, if you have a chance. as I shall not write to her till after

I have heard from you. Where do you suppose Harvey is? Has E. Cushing paid me yet. - Dont omit the writing as I shall depend on Sat. I feel dreadfully to think how much news I lose. Pray remember all you can. ever thine A. W. Weston.

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